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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5127
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PROCUREMENT OF HARDWARE FOR COMPUTERS BY THE INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Directorate of Income Tax has procured hardware for computers costing several crores from Tata Information System Limited and Tata without inviting fresh tenders in 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therfor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Against Tender No.HW/1/3/97-DIT(S) finalised on 27.3.97, orders were placed on M/s Tata Information Systems Limited (TISL) for 525 PCs & 525 DMPs at a cost not exceeding Rs. 4,36,01,250/- (Rs four crore thirty six lakh one thousand two hundred and fifty only)on 29.3.97 and 552 PCs and 552 DMPs at a cost not exceeding Rs. 4,58,43,600/-(Rs four crore fifty eight lakh forty three thousand and six hundred only) on 30.6.1997 with the approval of the Competent Authority. The order dt. 30.6.97 was placed in view of the following:

i) the decision of the Committee on Non-Plan Expenditure (CNE) to provide computers to 50% of the officers in the financial year 1996-97 and the balance in the next financial year.

ii) in the relevant Tender document, though the quantity mentioned against PCs, DMPs etc was 525, nevertheless, against the figure 525, an `` was put and note was given to the effect that the quantity of these items was likely to increase substantially.

iii) the contract was still valid, as only three months had elapsed since the placement of order in 1997 after obtaining Government approval; and

iv) it was ascertained from M/s TISL that there has been no change in the prices, taxes etc.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.